

WEALD SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Introduction

The geography department is a strong, high performing and experienced team. We have high expectations and create a working atmosphere in which all students can fulfil their potential, and as a result, the subject is popular both at key stages 4 and 5.

Staff and Accommodation

The department comprises four teachers. All are geography specialists and some hold responsibilities outside the subject area. All staff teach across the age and ability range. The department has excellent facilities including interactive whiteboards in each of the four classrooms and easy access to computer rooms.

Curriculum

KS3 is taught over two years in mixed ability learning groups. We aim to provide a balanced interesting and challenging curriculum which is contemporary and relevant to the lives of our students.

At KS4 geography has been a consistently popular choice at GCSE. Students follow the OCR course, taught over three years in broad ability groups. Teaching over three years creates an opportunity to cover the increased volume of content in the new GCSE by providing a rich and varied geography experience.

Geography numbers are healthy in the Sixth Form where we deliver the Edexcel specification. Year 13 students regularly continue their geographical studies at university.

Enrichment

We offer a range of fieldwork opportunities that enhance the taught curriculum. These include trips to the Sussex coast and local towns in KS3 and 4, Iceland at KS5 and Welsh field study centres at KS5. These department trips are complemented by the school's broader enrichment program which sees students visit Uganda, Kenya, European destinations and China. This internationalism adds to and enriches many Weald students' geographical understanding.

Examination Results

Year	GCSE Geography
2015	A* to C = 60%
2016	A* to C = 80%
2017	A* to C = 94%

Year	A2 Geography	
2015	A to C = 76%	A to E = 100%
2016	A to C = 86%	A to E = 100%
2017	A to C = 67%	A to E = 100%

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SUBJECT LEADER FOR GEOGRAPHY

(Teachers' Main Pay Range / Upper Pay Range + TLR2C (£6,515))

We are seeking to appoint a well-qualified, talented, dedicated and inspiring teacher of geography to lead the department. The successful candidate will be committed to promoting learning, have high expectations of all students' achievement and will approach the job with enthusiasm. The post is full time and permanent from September 2018.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and hard-working teacher and leader who meets the criteria below.

- A well-qualified (with Qualified Teacher Status), and enthusiastic teacher of geography who can inspire and engage young people
- The ability to teach geography at KS3, KS4 and KS5
- The ability to motivate staff and students, with a proven track record of excellent results and impact within their current department
- The ability to give clear direction in the leadership and teaching of geography
- Excellent organisational and IT skills
- The capacity to work collaboratively as part of a team
- A passion for excellence and for the subject
- Excellent management and interpersonal skills
- Willingness to be a form tutor including the delivery of PSHE

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